

Danby 4th 8th 1838.

Esteemed Friend and Brother.

I rec^d. thy Letter by George Wheeler which was Satisfac-
-tory to hear from you not Expecting it by Letter which
made it the more pleasing, I have sent the 1st & 2^d back
to the office to have them stopped Not but what I was
pleased with thy Freedom and Liked well to read them
although I believe I am as well convinced of the Impro-
-piety of holding Human beings in bondage as any other
man and if the Right way Can be ^{found} is taking
Liberate them I believe it to be a just ^{thing} but I judge no
Conscience, for me I think it would be best to Clear my own
^{hands} of the Iniquity of Slavery that is making use of the products of
their Labour which I have not Come to, and not be piling
down with one hand that which I Endeavor to build up
with the Other, I have given a number of the voice of
freedom to my Neighbors and one I left in the Town of
Wallingford, and I believe the Inhabitants of this Vicety is
pretty well convinced of the Evil of Slavery, tho there is
but little said, and left done about it, I think if some
Skillfull well Engaged person should Come into these
parts and hold a few Meetings it would be the means of
stirring them up to more Faithfullness I leave the Sub^{ject}
ject and turn to our Family which is at this time in
usual Health Boyes family Likewise Remember mine
and Marys Love to Huldah and the Rest of thy family particu-
-lar to James if Living and to the Rest of our Connections
thereabouts Write to me when thou has freedom and opport-
-unity from thy Friend and Brother.

James Nichols

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